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 SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS REACTION OCTOBER 22

1. AL AHRAH
 MAIN FRONT PAGE STORY ON SINAI FRONT BRIEFLY MENTIONED
 U.S. COMPENSATES ISRAEL FOR GREAT LOSSES.
 SECOND LEAD STORY COVERED UNDER HEADLINE "WASHINGTON-
 MOSCOW SC CEASE-FIRE "DRAFT PROPOSAL." REUTER REPORTED
 PROPOSAL CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE, IMPLEMENTING
 "ALL PROVISIONS" OF SC 242 RESOLUTION AND TALKS AMONG
 CONCERNED PARTIES "UNDER PROPER SUPERVISION" TO ESTABLISH
 "JUST AND LASTING PEACE."
 ANOTHER FRONT PAGE STORY QUOTED KUWAIT WIRE SERVICES
 ON STOPPING "ALL ARAB OIL" TO U.S. AND TO OTHER "PRO ISRAELI"
 NATIONS.
 TEL AVIV UPI ITEM QUOTED DAYAN SAYING U.S. MILITARY
 RE-SUPPLIES TO ISRAEL WERE "GENEROUS AND NOT TIED TO
 CEASE-FIRE."
 FOREIGN PAGE ITEMS COVERED IRANIAN DENIAL THAT U.S.
 AIRLIFTS ARE TO ISRAEL VIA TEHRAN; PROBABLE U.S. FORCES
 FROM WEST GERMANY TO ISRAEL; DEMONSTRATIONS IN U.S.
 AGAINST "U.S. ME POLICY AND \$2 BILLION CONTRIBUTION TO
 ISRAEL BY EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN JEWS."
 AL AHRAH FEATURE PAGE QUOTED HEDRICK SMITH SAYING
 BREZHNEV'S INVITATION AND IMMEDIATE TALKS WITH KISSINGER
 REPRESENT "ATTEMPT BY (BREZHNEV) TO DEMONSTRATE (SOVIET)
 INTEREST IN KEEPING SOVIET-AMERICAN DETENTE UNAFFECTED BY
 ESCALATING ME EVENTS."; NYT'S GWERTZMAN SAYING SINCE BE-
 GINNING ME WAR, U.S. MAINTAINED "CONTINUING CONTACTS" WITH
 SOVIETS "TO GET HELP IN ENDING WAR" AND "PRESERVE TEXTURE

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OF U.S.-USSR RELATIONS DESPITE INTENSIFIED MILITARY AID TO WARRING PARTIES"; AL AHRAH'S LEAN KESHISHIAN QUOTING PHILIP BERRIGAN SAYING, "ISRAEL EXECUTES WILL OF U.S. MILITARY INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX," AND LONDON UPI SAYING U.S. SURPRISED TO FIND NUMBER AND SOPHISTICATION ARAB ARMS EXCEEDING U.S. AND ISRAEL ESTIMATES.

MAIN LOCAL STORY QUOTED EGYPTIAN MILITARY SPOKESMAN: "ISRAEL WAS ABLE TO PROLONG WAR BECAUSE U.S. SENT MILITARY EQUIPMENT BY AIR DIRECTLY TO BATTLEFIELD." SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID \$800 MILLION WORTH US MILITARY SUPPLIES INCLUDE TANKS, AIRCRAFT, ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AIR/AIR AND SURFACE/ AIR MISSILES INCLUDING SHRIKE."

COLUMNIST MOHAMED SAYED AHMED DECLARED "CEASE-FIRE THAT RE-ESTABLISHES STATE OF NO PEACE AND NO WAR IS NOT ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE TO CONTINUING THE WAR." HE ASSERTED "ARAB ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN BATTLE ARE ONLY WAY...TO PRODUCE JUST PEACE."

REGARDING REDUCTION OF ARAB OIL TO U.S., SALAH MON-TASSER SAID U.S. CLAIM THAT ARAB OIL MAKES UP ONLY 7 PER CENT OF ITS TOTAL REQUIREMENTS IS INACCURATE. HE ASSERTED U.S. USES LARGE PERCENTAGE OF ARAB OIL INDIRECTLY...FROM EUROPEAN MARKETS AS REFINED OIL PRODUCTS FOR NATO FORCES AND U.S. IMPORTS.

ALAKHBAR

FOUR BANNERHEAD REPORTED SC UNANIMOUS CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION "FOLLOWING SOVIET-AMERICAN AGREEMENT ON PEACE PROPOSAL." SC'S ACTION WAS COVERED UNDER KISSINGER AND BREZHNEV PORTRAITS.

KUWAIT AND QATAR US OIL HALF WAS REPORTED IN TWO-COLUMN STORY.

ONE-COLUMN STORIES COVERED DAYAN'S STATEMENT THAT US AID IS "GENEROUS" AND U.S. SOLDIER HOLDING DUAL NATIONALITY WAS AMONG THE WAR DEAD.

FEATURE PAGE QUOTED LONDON OBSERVER STATING THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT KISSINGER WANTS TO USE WAR SHOCK TO URGE ISRAEL TO ADOPT A MORE CONCILIATORY STAND.

BACK PAGE ITEM REPORTED RECOMMENDATION BY GOE CINEMA AND THEATER SYNDICATE TO STOP AMERICAN COMMERCIAL FILM SHOWS IN EGYPT BECAUSE OF U.S. ROLE IN CURRENT THE WAR.

3. AL GOMHOURIYA

FIRST OF FOUR BANNERHEADS ON WAR DEVELOPMENTS READ: "AMERICAN-SOVIET AGREEMENT ON DRAFT THE SC CEASE-FIRE PROPOSAL."

TWO-COLUMN FRONT PAGE WIRE SERVICE REPORTS COVERED KUWAIT AND ABU DHABI HALTING ARAB OIL EXPORTS TO U.S.

ONE-COLUMN FRONT PAGE ITEM QUOTED DAYAN SAYING U.S. AID IS "GENEROUS."

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MAIN FOREIGN PAGE STORY QUOTED UPI TEL AVIV REPORT ON ISRAEL'S "OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL WAR PARTICIPATION."

MAIN EDITORIAL SAID EVIDENCE OF "ARAB SOLIDARITY" IN HALTING ARAB OIL EXPORTS AND FACILITIES TO U.S. IS NOT ENOUGH TO COUNTER "U.S. ANTI-ARAB HOSTILITIES." PAPER CALLED FOR "LIQUIDATING" U.S. INTERESTS IN ARAB WORLD.

4. COMMENT:

NEITHER CAIRO PRESS NOR GOE OFFICIALDOM HAD OPPORTUNITY TO EVALUATE OR COMMENT UPON UNSC RESOLUTION BEFORE TODAY'S PAPERS WENT TO BED.

FIRST EDITION OF AL AKHBAR LOCKED UP AT MIDNIGHT WITHOUT NEWS OF SC RESOLUTION. IT CARRIED EDITORIAL CONDEMNING US ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR AND FRONT PAGE WAS TENSE IN TONE. THIRD EDITION, PRINTED AT DAWN TODAY, PICKED UP SC RESOLUTION STORY AND SUBSTITUTED EARLIER EDITORIAL WITH ONE PRAISING FEATS OF EGYPTIAN ARMY.

US MILITARY SUPPLIES TO ISRAEL REMAIN CONSTANT THEME. NUMEROUS BRIEF ITEMS FROM AROUND THE WORLD SUPPORTING THIS THEME COUPLED WITH BLACKOUT ON NEWS OF SOVIET RE-SUPPLIES TO EGYPT AND SYRIA HAVE LEFT THE EGYPTIAN READER WITH ONLY ONE NATION TO BLAME FOR POSSIBLE ARAB MILITARY SETBACKS. TODAY'S NEWS STORIES ABOUT US MILITARY SUPPLIES TO ISRAEL DIMINISHED SOMEWHAT IN RELATION TO LAST THREE DAYS; THIS MAY BE BECAUSE OF RELATIVE DEARTH OF CREDIBLE STORIES (I.E., WESTERN NEWS AGENCIES) RATHER THAN CHANGE IN INFORMATION POLICY.

EGYPTIAN MILITARY SPOKESMEN CONTINUE TO ASSERT THAT EGYPTIAN BATTLEFIELD POSITION IS GOOD, BUT SOME IN PUBLIC ARE AMAZED AND SOMEWHAT DISGRUNTLED TO HEAR THAT POWERFUL EGYPTIAN ARMY HAD APPARENTLY LEFT STRATEGIC BITTER LAKES AREA RELATIVELY UNDEFENDED THEREBY GIVING ISRAELIS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A SUCCESSFUL CANAL CROSSING.

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